



PUBLIC NOTICE
Reopening of the Public Comment Period for Draft Permit
SHELL OIL PRODUCTS US REFINERY
3485 Pacheco Boulevard
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is reopening the public comment period for this Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and its Draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Negative Declaration. On September 28, 2007 DTSC mailed the fact sheet (announcing a public hearing and a 45-day public comment period from October 1 through November 14, 2007) to the facility mailing list of 415 persons. DTSC requested the *Martinez News-Gazette* to publish the public notice on October 1, 2007, announcing the comment period and public hearing. DTSC subsequently discovered that the newspaper failed to publish the notice, as requested. Therefore, DTSC has decided to reopen the public comment period to receive comments from persons who may have commented if the notice had been properly published.

DTSC has prepared a Draft Permit that would allow continued operation of a storage tank and three industrial boilers that burn fuel gases and hazardous waste at the Shell Oil Products US (Shell) Refinery in Martinez. The Shell Refinery, located at 3485 Pacheco Boulevard, is on about 1,000 acres in Martinez. Shell's operations include light and heavy oil processing. Shell conducted two trial burns of the industrial boilers in June 2006 and December 2006. The two trial burns showed 1) the boilers comply with the applicable emission standards and operating limits outlined in the current hazardous waste permit, and 2) the boilers destroy 99.99% of the hazardous waste feed streams. Shell conducted the trial burn under three operating conditions.

This reopened public comment period begins January 14, 2008 and runs through March 14, 2008. Please send your comments by March 14, 2008 to Dr. Waqar Ahmad, Project Manager at DTSC, 700 Heinz Street, Suite 200, Berkeley CA 94710, (510) 540-3932 or by e-mail to WAhmad@dtsc.ca.gov.

DTSC held a public hearing on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at the Las Juntas Elementary School Multipurpose room, 4105 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez CA 94553 and received one oral comment which was recorded by a court reporter. DTSC has also received written comments from two commenters. DTSC will respond to all comments received including those from the earlier public comment period. If you want DTSC to hold another public hearing, please state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at a hearing and send your request, by March 14, 2008, in writing to Dr. Waqar Ahmad.

The Draft Permit and other documents (including the November 1, 2007 public hearing transcript and comment letters) are available at the DTSC web site, <http://www.environstor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>, DTSC Berkeley Office, and the Martinez Public Library, 740 Court St. Martinez, CA 94553. Please call the library at (925) 646-2898 for their hours of operation.

For more information, you may contact Mr. Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist at DTSC, (916) 255-3650 or toll free at (866) 495-5651 or e-mail at NSchumac@dtsc.ca.gov. You may also contact Dr. Waqar Ahmad, Project Manager at DTSC, (510) 540-3932 or e-mail at WAhmad@dtsc.ca.gov. If you are from the media, please contact Ms. Angela Blanchette, Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or ABlanche@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired: TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378. Please ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at 916-255-3650 about the Shell Martinez Permit Renewal.

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Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (866) 495-5651.